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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held on Dec. 30, 1915, in the New National Museum in Washington, D.C. The Society met in affiliation with Section I of the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress, the American Anthropological Association, the International Congress of Americanists, the American Historical Association, and the Archæological Institute of America.

A meeting of the Council of the Society took place at noon of the preceding day, Dec. 29, 1915, in the New National Museum in Washington, President Goddard in the Chair. Present: Messrs. Boas, Goddard, Fewkes, Lowie, Peabody, Tozzer, also Messrs. Michelson and Kidder. At this meeting the Secretary reported as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The membership of the Society, and the libraries subscribing to the Journal, present the following statistics:—

	1914.	1915.
Honorary members.....	12	12
Life members.....	10	10
Annual members.....	<u>333</u>	<u>389</u>
	355	411
Subscribing libraries.....	149	162

The Secretary announces with great regret the death of Professor Frederic Ward Putnam, a past President and the President of the Boston Branch from its inception in 1890 till his death.

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary*.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as read. Reports of the Editor and the Treasurer were then read, and are here given in full.

EDITOR'S REPORT.

During the year 1915 four numbers of the Journal were issued. The last number of 1915 will be devoted to Hispanic folk-lore, and will be issued in co-operation with the Hispanic Society of America.

The efforts made during the year to organize work on French folk-lore in America have been successful, and, thanks to the co-operation

of Mr. C. M. Barbeau, beginning with the year 1916, the Journal will contain material on this subject. Through the efforts of Mr. Barbeau it has also been possible to increase the membership of the Society in Canada, based on the assumption that particular attention will be paid to the subject in question.

The preparation of the index volume, which is in the hands of Miss M. L. Taylor, has proceeded during the past year. Owing to the European war, the printing of the volume will have to be somewhat delayed, and for this reason it seemed desirable to extend the index over the first twenty-five years. The material for the additional five volumes has been extracted and co-ordinated with the preceding material.

Since the Journal has been so developed that North American Indian, English, French, and Spanish folk-lore in America are all well represented, it seems desirable to take steps to develop the field of Negro folk-lore, which heretofore has received only slight attention, and it will be the endeavor of the Editor to devise means of accomplishing this object.

FRANZ BOAS, *Editor*.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1914.....	\$525.58	
Membership: Boston Branch.....	276.00	
Cambridge Branch.....	150.00	
Canada Branch.....	133.00	
North Carolina Branch.....	66.00	
Texas Branch.....	51.00	
Missouri Branch.....	18.00	
At large.....	312.45	(1006.45)
Publication Fund.....	132.00	
Sale of Memoirs and Journals.....	649.75	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., melting plates.....	18.48	
Charles Peabody, contribution to Index.....	150.00	
Hispanic Society.....	350.00	
Interest.....	18.60	
Total receipts.....	<u>\$2,850.86</u>	

EXPENSES.

The New Era Company, for manufacturing Journals (4).....	\$1,091.54
Rebates to Branches.....	95.00
Postage.....	15.11
Typewriting and clerical work for Mr. Remick.....	7.59
Collections.....	2.38
Miss Taylor, for work on Index.....	<u>150.00</u>
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$1,361.62</u>

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,361.62
Printing.....	3.00
Total expenses.....	\$1,364.62
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916.....	\$1,486.24
	<u>\$2,850.86</u>

Audited Feb. 5, 1916.

A. V. KIDDER.

ALFRED M. TOZZER, *Treasurer*.

Professor Dixon and Dr. Kidder were appointed Auditors.

The Editor was given authority to issue during the ensuing year six numbers of the Journal and a Memoir, subject to the consent of the President and the Secretary consulting.

The President was authorized to appoint Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons upon the Editorial Board to assist in the publication of material on Negro folk-lore.

The Treasurer was given authority, with the Secretary's consent, to enter into an arrangement with Messrs. G. E. Stechert & Co., for the taking-over of the collection of subscriptions of members on a ten per centum basis.

The Council became a Nominating Committee, and prepared nominations for presentation to the Society, after which the Council adjourned.

The nominations prepared by the Council were unanimously elected, and were as follows:—

PRESIDENT, Robert H. Lowie.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, G. L. Kittredge.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, J. Walter Fewkes.

EDITOR, Franz Boas.

ASSISTANT EDITORS, G. L. Kittredge, C. M. Barbeau, A. M. Espinosa.

PERMANENT SECRETARY, Charles Peabody, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, A. V. Kidder.

TREASURER, A. M. Tozzler, 7 Bryant Street, Cambridge, Mass.

COUNCILLORS, for three years, Phillips Barry, C. M. Barbeau, A. M. Espinosa.

The Editor moved a rising vote of thanks to the Secretary for his assistance to himself in securing clerical work. This was given to the great appreciation of the Secretary.

In accordance with the Resolution adopted Dec. 30, 1914, at Philadelphia, no special section devoted to the reading of folk-lore papers was announced on the programme (see "Journal of American Folk-Lore," Jan.-March, 1915, p. 101).

The following papers were announced on the official programme of the Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists.

C. ALPHONSO SMITH, "Ballads surviving in the United States."

G. G. KING, "Two Notes on Spanish Folk-Lore."

JAMES MOONEY, "The Sacred Literature of the Cherokee."

PHILLIPS BARRY, "The Oracles of the Saints."

SR. FEDERICO ALFONSO PEZET, "Notes on the Folk-Lore of the Peruvian Indians."

FRANK G. SPECK, "Herb Medicine Practices of the Northeastern Algonkins."

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*